

THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING FOR THE WARD OF COTES WAS  
HELD AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR.&MRS.M.J.P.URWIN, ON  
THURSDAY, 21ST. MAY, 1981, AT 8-0 P.M.

Present. Mr.T.Eggleston, Chairman, Mr.M.J.P.Urwin, County Councillor E.Lodge, and five local government electors.

Apology. An apology for non-attendance was received from Borough Councillor B.Scarlett.

Minutes. The Minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting held on 12th.May,1980, were read by the Clerk, confirmed by the meeting as being a true record, and were signed by the Chairman.

Matters arising. Mains water supply.

Residents are still experiencing difficulties due to low pressure of the mains water supply, and the meeting asked that this be again reported to Mr. Scarlett.

Nottingham Road-Ratcliffe Road Junction, Loughborough.

Considerable traffic queues are still forming at this road junction, and Mr.Lodge stated that he will be looking into this with the County District Surveyor.

Chairman's Report.

The Chairman gave a brief outline of the Parish Council's work during the past year, mentioning the continued financial support given to the Burton Playing Field Association with their annual running costs, and also to the financial help given to the Burton Village Hall Management Committee in maintaining the fabric of the Village Hall. The Chairman also gave details of a car sharing scheme which the Parish Council has recently introduced in the Parish, mainly to enable people to get to the Medical Centre at Barrow-upon-Soar. Finally the Chairman reported on the financial requirements for 1981-2, this amounted to £2600.00 which represented a rate of 1.96P<sup>-</sup>.

Report by County Councillor E.Lodge. Speaking on the County Rate, Mr.Lodge stated that this years increase had been kept down to 4.1% by using some of the financial reserves, this resulted in Leicestershire being the second lowest county rate in the country. Although cuts had been made in

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Education, the teacher-pupil ratio is the best for the past five years.

Referring to the gypsum deposit in the district, Mr.Lodge stated that he agreed that this should be mined, but should be transported by rail to the place of processing. Mr.Lodge reported that a further application has been made by British Gypsum to transport the gypsum by road for a period of two years, this will entail further discussions up to County Council level.

Mr.Lodge spoke of the difficulties created by the lorries operating from the quarry at Mountsorrel.

A full enquiry is being held with all the parishes affected by this problem.

Any other  
business.

Mr.Mercer asked Mr.Lodge if he could give details of any developments which have been carried out in neighbouring parishes.

Mr.Lodge referred to the new County School at Wymeswold, and to the Medical Centre recently opened at Barrow-upon-Soar.

Parking of Touring Caravans on Mr.Hibbin's land at Cotes.

Mr.Urwin expressed his concern at the parking of touring caravans on Mr.Hibbin's land.

The caravans are in view from the houses of several residents. Unfortunately preliminary enquiries made at the Planning Department of the Borough of Charnwood have revealed that this type of caravan parking is permissible providing the number is limited to five, and the duration of stay to twenty-eight days.

The Clerk reported that he had written to the Chief Planning Officer concerning this matter and was awaiting a reply.

There was no further business, and after thanking Mr.Lodge for his attendance, and Mr.&Mrs.Urwin for allowing the meeting to be held in their house, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9-0 p.m.

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